

Creating Sacred Space: Awakening the Heart

World Interfaith Harmony Week with the Charter for Compassion

Each year, World Interfaith Harmony Week invites us to pause, breathe, and remember what binds us together across traditions, cultures, and distances. In a world often shaken by division and uncertainty, this week offers a sanctuary—a sacred space we create *together*—where listening, learning, and honoring one another becomes an act of healing.

“Creating Sacred Space: Awakening the Heart” is an invitation into a shared journey. Throughout the week, we explored how compassion, wisdom, and spiritual insight live at the center of all our traditions. We gathered across faiths and philosophies to reflect, to witness, and to renew our commitment to a world rooted in understanding and kindness.

Whether you joined us for a conversation, a moment of silence, a story from another tradition, or a practice that opens your heart just a little wider, you are helping build the beloved community we long for. This was a week to soften the edges, expand our circles, and awaken what is most humane and hopeful within us.

Together, let us cultivate spaces—inner and outer—where all are welcome, all are respected, and all can flourish.

Registration for the first session gained access to all live zoom sessions, and recordings to all sessions can be viewed on the Charter for Compassion YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFQpo8As6ohb5ArSrxYZ4te68wc9p4Vz3>.

This year we had an average attendance of 20 participants each day, all from different parts of the world, cultures and faith traditions. And sent them this email at the end of the 7 sessions:

Dear friends,

Thank you so much for being part of **World Interfaith Harmony Week 2026**.

Whether you joined us for one session or many, your presence, attention, and dedication helped create a truly meaningful and compassionate space throughout the week. 🧡

We know how full life can be, and we are deeply grateful for the time, care, and openness you brought to these conversations. The spirit of listening, respect, and shared humanity that emerged was felt across every session.

As promised, here are the session recordings, now available on our YouTube channel:

-  **Day 1:** <https://youtu.be/Pk0nV3i8bxk>
-  **Day 2:** <https://youtu.be/eF5A5n780i0>
-  **Day 4:** <https://youtu.be/pR0RsxAwlv8>
-  **Day 5:** <https://youtu.be/lghcBZ1yIUQ>
-  **Day 6:** <https://youtu.be/djsG1C3VYSg>
-  **Day 7:** <https://youtu.be/71ep6FD9hs8>

We'll be sharing the **Day 3 recording** at a later time, as we experienced a technical issue during that session. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding.

We hope these recordings allow you to revisit moments that resonated, catch up on sessions you may have missed, and continue reflecting on the themes of harmony, compassion, and connection in your own time.

✨ **Staying connected**

If this week inspired you to remain engaged, we warmly welcome you.

You may wish to reach out to **Steve Kramer** and **Morgana** if you're interested in joining or supporting the **Spirituality Pillar**, where interfaith dialogue and spiritual connection continue to grow. 🌍 🤍

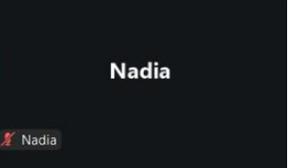
You're also very welcome to subscribe to *The Spark* ✨—our newsletter where we share Charter news, upcoming events, and opportunities for compassionate action around the world.

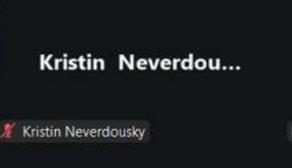
And for those who feel called and are in a position to do so, donations help sustain offerings like World Interfaith Harmony Week and allow us to continue creating spaces for connection, learning, and peace. Every contribution, of any size, truly matters. 🌱

With deep gratitude and warm wishes,

The Charter for Compassion Team

Here are a couple of screenshots from the zoom sessions – please note we did not take more for confidentiality reasons:

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